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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION EIGHT

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

RUDY VARELA,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Los Angeles County
Super. Ct. No. YA055888)

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.
William R. Hollingsworth, Judge. (Retired Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court
assigned by the Chief Justice pursuant to art. VI, § 6 of the Cal. Const.) Affirmed.

Jonathan B. Steiner, Executive Director, and Richard L. Fitzer, Staff Attorney,
under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

Defendant and appellant Rudy Varela appeals from the judgment entered
following his plea of guilty to possession of an assault rifle. (Pen. Code, § 12280.) His

two-year prison term was suspended and he was placed on formal probation for three years.

We appointed counsel to represent defendant on this appeal. After examination of the record, counsel filed an Opening Brief which contained an acknowledgment that he had been unable to find any arguable issues and requested that we independently review the entire record pursuant to *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436. On April 8, 2004, we directed counsel to inform defendant that he had 30 days within which to submit a brief or letter stating any grounds of appeal, contentions or argument which defendant wishes this court to consider. Defendant has not submitted any such brief or letter.

We have examined the entire record and are satisfied that defendant's counsel has fully complied with his responsibilities and that no arguable issues exist. (*People v. Wende, supra*, 25 Cal.3d 436, 441.)

The judgment is affirmed.

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RUBIN, J.

We concur:

COOPER, P.J.

FLIER, J.